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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK  
OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/026,171 Confirmation No. 9429  
Applicant : AGAPIOU *et al.*  
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Examiner : James E. McDonough  
  
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Customer No. : 25959  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

In response to final Office Action (herein "Action") of April 9, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with the authorization to pay the requisite fee. Applicants further respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks in the above referenced application.

Applicants also submit herewith a Petition to Extend Time for a period of one (1) month from the date now set, July 9, 2007, up to and including August 9, 2007, along with the **Authorization to Pay the Requisite Fee.**